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**24:43:01:09. Credit defined.** A student earns "credit" for a distance learning course based on the following:

(1) Meeting standards set by the state for course content;

(2) Mastery of the subject as determined by the teacher;

(3) Demonstrating school district-assessed competency;

(4) Effective July 1, 2009 all courses must be delivered electronically unless an exception of an approved exemption submitted by the school district is granted by the Secretary of Education.

Credit for successful completion of a distance learning course shall be awarded by the physical school at which the student is enrolled.

**Source:** 32 SDR 117, effective January 5, 2006.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-3-47, 13-33-22.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-3-47, 13-33-21.

**24:43:12:09. South Dakota Virtual High School.** The South Dakota Virtual High School is a consortium of approved statewide distance learning providers under the auspices of the Department of Education. The school may not grant diplomas or credit.

The South Dakota Virtual High School shall provide choice, accessibility, flexibility, quality, and equity in high school curricular offerings for students in the state.

**Source:** 33 SDR 73, effective November 2, 2006.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-3-47, 13-33-22.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-3-47, 13-33-21.

**24:43:12:10. South Dakota Virtual High School providers.** The South Dakota Virtual High School may include only approved distance learning providers. A provider may be added to the school at any time during the year. The provider remains a part of the school as long as the provider's distance learning certificate is current.

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**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-3-47, 13-33-22.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-3-47, 13-33-21.

**24:43:12:11. Course approval.** The Department of Education shall review and approve each course offered by an approved distance learning provider before posting the course offering to the South Dakota Virtual High School. Each course shall be approved contingent on:

- (1) Alignment with state content standards;
- (2) Qualified instructional staff;
- (3) Evaluation component for students to demonstrate course completion; and
- (4) Assurance that approved distance learning provider will work with local district to meet special needs in order to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended to July 1, 2006--,

(5) Being identified as a need by the South Dakota Virtual School Advisory Council.

Each course description must include prerequisites, course duration, number of credits, delivery method, syllabus, and fee amount.

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